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SUBJECT: GENEVA CONFERENCE - WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. EVRON (MFA) GAVE US TODAY A LENGTHY REPORT OF WALDHEIM'S DISCUSSIONS HERE. (A FULL REPORT FOLLOWS.) RABIN SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO GO TO GENEVA BUT ONLY ON BASIS OF THE ORIGINAL 1973 CONFERENCE. IT IS ADMANANTLY OPPOSED TO BOTH A PALESTINAIAN STATE AND TO PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE, I.E., PEACE, RATHER THAN THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. IF THE ARABS WANT TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE CONFERENCE, THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT NOT BEING RE-CONVENED. WALDHEIM REPLIED THAT ON THE BASIS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ARAB CAPITALS AND HERE, HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THE PROCEDURAL GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, PARTICULARLY THE ISSUE OF PLO PARTICIPATION, CAN BE BRIDGE. HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO AVOID HAVING THE EFFORT TO RECONVENE GENEVA DIE OUT, AND HE HOPES THAT SECRETARY VANCE CANCONTINUE THIS PROCESS.

2. COMMENT: TALKS WERE CORRECT AND BUSINESS-LIKE, IF NOT WARM. ISRAELIS SAY THAT WHILE NO APPARENT PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARD GENEVA, VISIT AT LEAST RESULTED IN WALDHEIM
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GETTING "A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW".WE AGREE.
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